

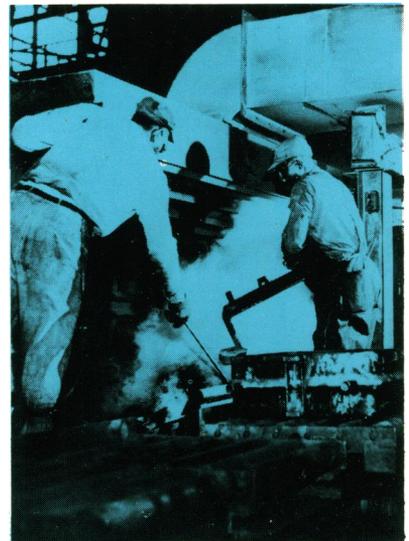
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In fiscal year 1974, the Center for Disease Control, an agency of the Health Services and Mental Health Administration, will place major emphasis on control of venereal disease. During 1972 a total of 715,000 gonorrhea cases were reported; gonorrhea remains the most frequently reported of all notifiable communicable diseases. This total was an increase of 15 percent over cases in 1971. The 1974 funds will provide for screening of approximately 4 million females and treatment of 300,000 asymptomatic carriers of gonorrhea. It is estimated that these efforts will prevent the occurrence of at least 130,000 cases of gonorrhea.

Reported cases of syphilis in 1972 totaled 95,076, an all-time high. Funds for grants in 1974 will support casefinding and related activities seeking to prevent 2,500 cases.

Grants awarded during fiscal year 1974 will build on the foundation established during fiscal year 1973 and will insure that an effective nationwide venereal disease control effort is fully operational in all areas of the country. Programs for the control of these diseases will include, in addition to effective and efficient diagnostic and therapeutic services, screening, epidemiologic followup, public awareness and educational programs, and active participation by all segments of the medical community.

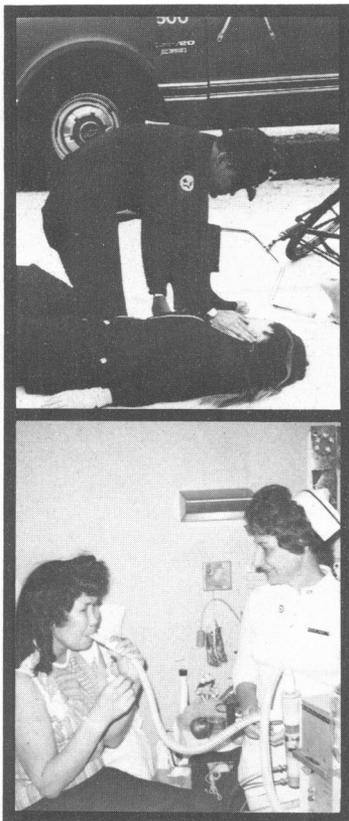
Cover—Shakeout operation at a Wisconsin foundry. The excessive dust to which workers may be exposed in such operations is an example of the hazards that industrial health workers seek to control. A paper by the director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health describing the new horizons in industrial health begins on page 195. Photo—Fairbanks Morse and Co., Beloit, Wis.



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